(b) and (c) NCCF of India Ltd. has informed that in the preliminary investigation of other charges no *prima facie* case has been established against this officer and therefore they were not referred to the Central Vigilance Commission.

Chit system in Punjab

1210. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is 'Chit' system in Punjab under which farmers are cheated by Commission agents of farm produce and the henchmen of such agents in farm imputs business;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) what is the estimated amount of the transactions in this recket?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected, and will be laid on the Table of the house.

Setting up of food processing units in other states

1211. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the reasons for permitting the operation of Pepsicola in Punjab is that Government felt the need for the diversification of agriculture in that State;

(b) if so, the modalities of the new agricultural product mix with reference to the State;

(c) whether any other State in the country has been identified for similar diversification; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) While approving the application of M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation for setting up a joint venture with Tatas and M/s. PEPSICO Inc. USA in Punjab, Government had taken into account the situation in Punjab which, amongst other factors, required the promotion of a climate for diversification of agriculture. It is expected that with the setting up of the project, such a climate for diversification will get created to some extent.

Any similar proposals from other States would be considered by the Central Government in accordance with the policy from time to time.

Loss suffered by the State farmers of India Ltd.

1212. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the accumulated loss of State Farmers of India Ltd., the wholly owned by Government undertaking, upto 31.3.1988;

(b) what were its annual losses and share capital year-wise from 1.4.85 to 31.3 89; and what was the value of its total sales for each year during that period;

(c) what prevents Government from liquidising the company; and

(d) the names of the Chairman and Managing Director of the Company specifying the duration of their tenures and the qualifications they had for holding such office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The accumulated loss of the State Farms Corporation of India for their financial year ending 30.6.88 is Rs. 954.14 lakhs.

(b) The year-wise annual profit/loss share capital and sales of the State Farms Corporation of India for the years 1984-85 to 1987-88, the last year for which audited figures are available are as under:—

Year	Paid up Share Capital	Profit/loss (+) (—)	(Rs. in lakhs Sales)
1984-85	1182.79	(—)157.83	1230.52
1985-86	1324.36	(—)23.63	1213.47
1986-87	1414.36	(+)5.36	1547.64
1987-88	1620.34	(—)191.60	1435.58

(c) The S.F.C.I. was formed with the main objective of production of quality seeds, development of marginal lands, introduction of cooperative farming, and demonstration of mechanised farming etc. To achieve these objectives, the Corporation is producing Breeder, Foundation and certified Seeds of 400 varieties of different crops suitable for different agro-climatic zones. It has played an important role in laying a firm foundation of domestic seed industry in the Country. The question of liquidating a Public Sector Undertaking can not be viewed solely from the point of view of financial losses.

(d) Persons with proven administrative knowledge and suitable technical skills have been appointed Chairman, M.D.'s from time to time. The names of the Chairman and M.D.'s of the State Farms Corporation of India, with their tenures, are as per statements I and II.

Statement I

List of Chairman of State farms Corporation of India Limited since inception

No.	Name	From	To
1.	Raja Surendra Singh of Nalagarh . .	14-5-1969	5-5-1971
2.	Shri M.R. Krishna	12-8-1971	16-8-1974
3.	Dr. D.P Singh, I.A.S. . . .	24-12-1974 (AN)	24-12-1976 (AN)
4.	Shri Jai Ram Verma . . .	21-3-1977	19-4-1977
5.	Smt. Anna R. Malhotra I.A.S. . .	28-3-1978	30-9-1978
		12-12-1978	11-8-1981
6	Shri Ram Chander Vikal . . .	10-9-1982 (AN)	16-3-1984
7.	Shri Ghulam Mohidin Malik . . .	17-4-1984	16-4-1986
8.	Shri A.R. Mallu	7-8-1986	6-8-1990 (Tenure)

Statement-II

List of Managing Directors of State farms Corporation of India Limited Since inception of the Corporation

S. No.	Name	From	To
1.	Shri F. C. Gera	14-5-1969	19-4-1972 (AN)
2.	Shri P.S. Appu, IAS	19-4-1972 (AN)	13-9-1972
3.	Shri P.S. Habib Mohammed, IAS	5-2-1974(AN)	23-5-1975
4.	Shri K.S. Mann(GM)	22-8-1975	12-8-1977 (AN)
5	Dr. A.S. Sandhu (GM)	12-8-1977(AN)	31-5-1978
6.	Shri T. Balaraman, IAS	5-10-1978 (AN)	29-8-1980
7.	Shri K. Rajan, IAS.	30-8-1980	28-2-1983
8.	Shri R. C. Arora, IAS	14-6-1983	13-6-1985 (AN)
9.	Shri R.K. Srivastava, IAS	13-6-1985 (AN)	6-8-1985 (AN)
10.	Shri T.S.G. Nair	6-8-1985	15-4-1986 (Addl. Charge of M.D.)
		16-4-1986	15-4-1991 (Tenure)

Allotment of fertilizers to Assam

1213. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any allotment of different kinds of fertilizer like urea, potash etc. to Assam during 1988-89 and the current year so far; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Allotment of fertilisers to States are made, separately for Kharif (April—September) and Rabi (October-March) seasons before the commencement of each seasons. A statement indicating the allocation of fertilisers to Assam during Kharif, 88, Rabi, 88-89 and Kharif 89 seasons is as below:—

Statement

Allocation of fertilisers to Assam (1000 tonnes)

Sl. No.	Name of fertiliser	Allotment made		
		Kharif 88	Rabi 88-89	Kharif 89
1	Urea	23.85	17.10	11.30
2	Ammonium Sulphate.	0.50	1.21	1.94
3	Di-Ammonium Phosphate	5.99	8.94	4.12
4	Complex grade 10-26:26	5.00	..	5.00
5	Single Super Phosphate	5.63	11.24	2.50
6	Rock Phosphate	1.00	1.00	1.10
7	Muriote of Potash	6.33	7.73	4.87